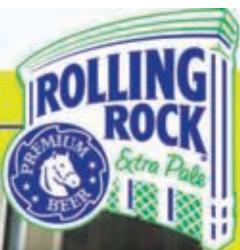


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# CHASING THE GREEN FAIRY

**I**t is perhaps the most misconceived beverage on our liquor store shelves. French poet Arthur Rimbaud referred to absinthe as "the sagebrush of the glaciers," and a multitude of fanciful titles have been bestowed on this choice drink of artists, writers and dilettantes. However, its surge in popularity — from its beginnings in the early 19th century to its minor revival at the beginning of the 21st — has left the cultural mainstay of Oscar Wilde, Eduard Manet and Baudelaire in a heap of rags.

"It's a cocktail of terpenes," says Greigh Swain of the startup distillery Whiteaker Spirits. "A terpene cocktail, actually, if you make a cocktail out of it. It's all these essential oils from all of these plants."

Swain, a long time drinker of absinthe (commercial and bootlegged, domestic and imported) and Eugene resident, has been in the process of starting up a distillery in the Whiteaker for the past few years — but an absinthe distillery requires a lot of time, labor and financing. There are a handful of absinthe distillers in Oregon, but the two most revered makers of *la fée verte* on the West Coast are from Washington: Marteau by Gnostalgic Spirits in Seattle, and Pacifique by Pacific Distillery in Woodinville. Both are available through OLCC liquor stores.

Most traditional absinthe recipes call for three main ingredients: fennel, anise and wormwood. The first two contribute to aroma and flavor, and the final element is a bittering agent. But there are literally hundreds — if not thousands — of recipes that exist for this particular digestif (before its popularization, absinthe was consumed as a digestive aid for those meaty, fatty bourgeois meals).

Inarguably, the biggest misconception concerning absinthe is the issue of thujone. Thujone, a compound found in wormwood, is allegedly the culprit for the purported hallucinations, insanity and fairy-lore surrounding absinthe. But it always occurs in doses too low to have any psychotropic effect. Rather, it's the combination of all these herbs — along with other psychoactives like lemon balm, hyssop, Melissa, dittany and other herbs traditionally used in witchcraft and magic — that lends a very subtle, beautiful change in perception, says Swain.

"I like to call it rhapsodic," he explains. "I feel like I can appreciate music and poetry better, and just watching the wind blow through the trees feels good."

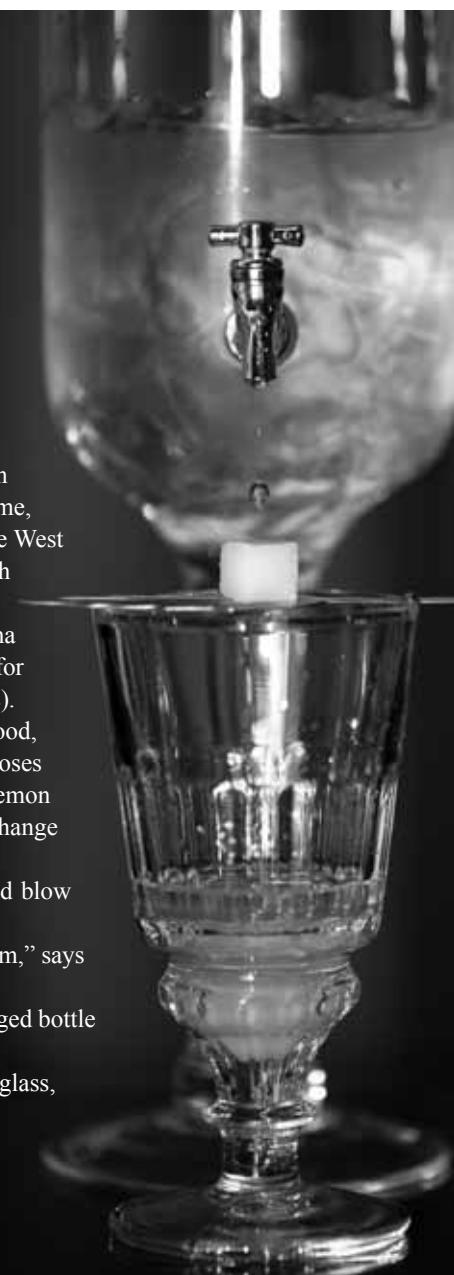
"It probably plugs the neuron receptors for opiates, which is why that was the second choice when people couldn't get opium," says Danae Spencer, a friend of Swain's and a longtime absinthe drinker.

Swain takes me into his kitchen and pulls from the top cabinet an unlabeled bottle, half-filled with green liquid — a bootlegged bottle from a local absinthe distiller.

"The whole ritual thing with the fountain and the sugar cube, it's a marketing ploy," he says as he pours a few ounces into a glass, then slowly decants water over the green nectar.

I sip it down to the last few ounces, then quaff the rest lavishly. Leaving, trying to balance on my bike, Albert Hoffman's famous bike ride comes to mind — it's really nothing like that, but it's good.

Absinthe is available at OLCC-regulated liquor stores, as well as various Eugene bars and restaurants like Marché, The Rabbit Bistro and Agate Alley Bistro. — Andrew Hitz



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# AQUAVIT

*Viking types drink it, and they kick ass*

BY CAMILLA MORTENSEN

**W**hen I was teething as a baby my mom put aquavit on my gums to soothe the pain. Maybe that's when I developed a taste for the vodka-like, herb-flavored spirit.

Danes down aquavit — usually called “snaps” — like it’s medicine. Bellow a toast, bang an elbow on the table a couple times and pour it back. Eat some pickled fish; drink some beer; repeat.

The liquor connoisseurs at Izakaya Meiji, where I recently encountered the Oregon-made House Spirits Krogstad Aquavit, say that perhaps the reason Danes gulp their aquavit, instead of serving it in stemmed glasses and sipping the icy liquid more gently, is because Danish aquavit isn’t very good. They gave a thumbs-down to the Swedish stuff too. Norwegian aquavit, they assure me, is the way to go.

Aquavit is from the Latin for “water of life,” in case you were wondering how seriously Scandinavians take drinking. The herbs that flavor it are said to be medicinal. Caraway is good for your digestion. Star anise, a licorice-flavored herb, is used to fight swine flu. Dill, coriander and cardamom are also used.

Elliot Martinez, a bartender at Meiji and popularly known as the editor of *Booze Week*, served two aquavits on a “flight night” in February, paired, as they should be, with fish — locally produced white anchovies. Linie Aquavit is made in Norway, crosses the equator on a ship, twice, and is aged in sherry casks, Martinez says.

Krogstad, however, is made here in Oregon, and according to eponymous maker

Christian Krogstad, it’s the number-one selling aquavit in the state, beating out Aalborg, a popular Danish aquavit. While I defer to the encyclopedic beverage knowledge of the gurus behind the bar at Meiji, I argue that you first have to taste Aalborg’s Jubilaeums Aquavit before you write off Danish snaps entirely. Dill, coriander and a hint of star anise flavor this golden-hued drink, and beating its sales in a state liberally sprinkled with Nordic types is no easy task.

“My family is Norwegian, I grew up with not only aquavit, but the food that goes with it,” Krogstad says. “It makes a lot sense with foods, and that’s kind of how it started.”

He says the distillery originally “just made it for a lark,” but soon the cool-kid bartenders from Portland to NYC were using the uniquely flavored liquor in cocktails. “We used my name because we aren’t very creative,” Krogstad laughs.

“It’s not a super-aggressive flavor like you get from most gins,” he says. “It’s complex, but smooth and balanced. A lot of people are using it to make something that would be a vodka drink and make it more interesting.”

Krogstad Aquavit is dominated by caraway and star anise. The anise gives it that licorice flavor, and the caraway, Christian Krogstad says, “is very complex and has these savory low notes.”

Some local liquor stores sell aquavits, including Aalborg and Krogstad, or you can head to Izakaya Meiji and have Martinez or another creative mixologists pour you a cold shot of snaps, or create a cocktail with a distinctly Scandinavian flavor. ■

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# A JOURNEY UNDER THE TABLE

Ten drinks that will knock you on your ass BY ANDY VALENTINE PHOTOS BY JACKSON VOELKEL

You wake up and the ceiling's spinning. There's some kind of pulsating shockwave rumbling through your spine. Your ears are muffled and it's now that you notice how odd it is that there's gum stuck to the ceiling. Come to think of it, that's not even a normal ceiling; it's made of wood, and people have scrawled their drunken musings all over it with fat, black magic marker. It takes you longer than it should to notice that your friend is crouched over you with a drink in his hand, looking at you with concern.

"What the hell happened?" you ask. Your friend replies, but you can't hear what he says.

This is the story of you, under a table, emerging from a blackout. Wanna know how you got there? These are the drinks that helped:

## "GOOMBAY SMASH"

*The Cooler (20 Centennial Loop)*

ONE SHOT CAPTAIN MORGAN RUM, ONE SHOT BACARDI 151 RUM, ONE SHOT COCKSPUR RUM, ONE SHOT AÑEJO TEQUILA, JUICY GOODNESS, MOSTLY PINEAPPLE. • \$8.50  
This drink, created by a Cooler regular while on vacation, could have been your first step down the road to annihilation. It's juicy, delicious and, by the time you're done with it, you've got an ass-kicker of a brain-freeze and a warm internal blanket weaving its way between your cold bones.

## "SMOKING GUN"

*Izakaya Meiji (345 Van Buren)*

TWO SHOTS HIGHLAND PARK SCOTCH, ½ OZ. FERNET-BRANCA MINT LIQUEUR, BITTERS, HONEY & VANILLA SIMPLE SYRUP • (CUSTOM PRICE)  
This saucy little number in a short glass is dense, delicious and rugged. You probably stopped here because you had a hankering for a whiskey buzz after all that rum. Craving satisfied.

N.B. Ask Travis to mix this one if he's bartending; he pours like a pro.

## "THE WEEKLY"

*Hot Mama's Wings (420 W. 13th)*

ONE SHOT SNAKE RIVER STAMPEDE WHISKEY, ONE LEMON, SQUEEZED, ONE LIME, SQUEEZED, GRENADINE, SODA WATER • \$8  
Simply put, this drink is the shit. It's whiskey delicious, and the most chuggable cocktail ever. It's more than likely you downed this at breakneck speed and dipped out to let the real madness begin. Though it's possible you thought it was so great that you stayed and drank another two to five of them, again at speeds rivaling light and sound. Beware, this beverage (named in honor of nearby patrons) will creep on you — making its presence known later.

## "MURDER IN BRENTWOOD"

*Highlands Brew Pub (390 E. 40th)*

ONE SHOT SOUTHERN COMFORT, ONE SHOT ABSOLUT RASPBERRY VODKA, ONE SHOT ABSOLUT MANDARIN VODKA, ½ CAN RED BULL. • \$7  
The name pretty much says it all ... a pulpy massacre in a glass that kicks your cheeks in with its sweetness. At this point, you probably started seeing double a little bit, maybe made a dumb joke about gloves fitting or not fitting, and then stumbled to the bathroom to break the seal.

## "SPANISH COFFEE"

*Old Pad (wastedly, "Old Pan") (3355 E. Amazon)*

ONE SHOT BACARDI 151 RUM, ONE SHOT KAHLUA, ½ OZ. TRIPLE SEC LIQUEUR, 2 OZ. BLACK COFFEE, WHIPPED CREAM. • \$6.75  
What's that on your hat? Oh it's whipped cream TWKTSOOYA — this is what you found later, scrawled on the palm of your hand. This drink fucked your shit sideways. Probably something to do with the caffeine.

## "IRISH HOCKEY PLAYER"

*Black Forest (50 E. 11th)*

JAMESON IRISH WHISKEY (A FUCK TON), MUDDLED LEMONS, MAPLE SYRUP • \$5  
Yes, yes and yes. This was a strong one; it's hard to believe you were still coherent enough to keep ordering.

## "MUTANT MAI TAI"

*Black Forest (50 E. 11th)*

ONE SHOT COCONUT RUM, ONE SHOT MANGO RUM, ONE SHOT PEACH SCHNAPPS, MELON LIQUEUR, ORANGE JUICE, PINEAPPLE JUICE. • \$5  
This was probably the part of the night where you leaned all of your body weight on your friend's shoulder — elbow first — and yelled into his ear something like: "It's green like a fucking ninja turtle and dank as fuck!"

## "SWEET TART"

*Horsehead (99 W. Broadway)*

ONE SHOT GRAPE VODKA, ONE SHOT CHERRY VODKA, CRANBERRY SOUR MIX, LIME JUICE. • \$6.75  
Likely, you stumbled through the doors of Horsehead like a bull in a china shop, knocking over glasses full of swizzle sticks and straws as you approached the bar. You then requested "the strongest cocktail you have, please," and proceeded to dance heartily right after downing the thing, proclaiming, "I dun-no know how ta holda martina glasss." These were such happy times, but the darkness was starting to set in.

## "LIQUID SIN"

*Starlight Lounge (830 Olive)*

ONE SHOT BARENJÄGER HONEY LIQUEUR, ONE SHOT PEAR BRANDY, BLUE DOG MEAD, LEMON JUICE, GINGER. • \$9  
Now the room likely started spinning violently. Your insides churned as you drunk dialed someone. What the fuck did that drink taste like? It was good; that much you know. That's all you know.

## "CUMBERJACK"

*Jackalope Lounge (453 Willamette)*

THREE SHOTS HENDRIX RHUBARB BITTERS, CUCUMBER, SIMPLE SYRUP. • \$7  
With your head spiraling wildly out of control, your grip on the glass loosening as you fall into the abyss, you probably hit your head very hard against a bar stool as you tumbled to the floor, crawled toward the nearest shadow — in this case the table you're under now — and stared up at the gum that dots the ceiling.

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# KABOOM!

*How I learned to stop worrying and love the bomb*

BY DANTE ZUÑIGA-WEST

**P**ortions of life require catalysts as extreme as the trials we often endure — chemical fuses to ignite our ambitions, explosions to hurry forth the entropy cycle. This is why we have the bomb.

Not the type that ruins cities, guides diplomacy or hides in the sneakers of some religious fundamentalist ready to detonate himself after take off. Not the type of bomb you drop first thing in the morning, post Raisin Bran, magazine in hand, air freshener within reach. We're talking the type of bomb you drop on a Friday night, when you're out with your friends, looking to skew linear thought — shots in pint glasses, bang for your buck, civilian casualties.

At first, I was unable to see the merit in dropping bombs. I'd dabbled in pacifism in college, and was somewhat opposed to this type of violence. Who in their right mind would think that soaking their system with a flash flood of booze in a short period of time is an excellent idea? Who wants to wake up face down in the bathroom of their chosen watering hole, unaware of what discharged?

I was skeptical of such behavior, though not above it, and to gain a true understanding of the bomb I assembled a small committee to investigate.

This coalition of the willing made its way to Cowfish because, while places such as The Old Pad and Sushi Ya can bust out the ordinance, the Fish has a wide variety of bombs in the bay.

"It's not the experienced drinker who comes in and orders a bomb," says Patrick Campbell, bartender and liquid explosives expert. "It's usually the newer bar patrons, or people who know they aren't interesting in general and are looking to get interesting fast."

With this said, the investigation continued as Campbell presented the committee with bombs for consumption and consideration, two of which managed to make their way into my own personal testimony.

## THE VEGAS BOMB

Only people of undiluted masochistic character would do this to themselves. In fact, bar owner Brian Hebb speculated that this drink is "perhaps the greatest evidence that we are a herd animal more likely to follow the ass of our fellows into a chasm, than trust our own good sense to stand aside."

The Vegas Bomb involves Crown Royal and Malibu in a shot glass being dropped into peach schnapps and Red Bull. The committee was shocked and awed, appalled that anyone could do this to his fellow man. It didn't taste like that sinful hellhole in Nevada, but rather like a shipwrecked night on an abandoned beach, when a man finds himself wretched, alone, assed-out and sandier than a wounded seagull.

## THE SPRINGFIELD CAR BOMB

In sheer contrast to the Vegas Bomb, this drink is as smooth as it is terrible — Oakshire Stout, Bailey's Irish Cream and whiskey combust to blow you away. Whereas one member of the committee referred to the Vegas Bomb as tasting like a "date rape gummy worm," other members speculated that the Springfield Car Bomb was "the chocolate milk he always wanted."

In the end, we stopped worrying and concluded that not all bombs are bad, though the people who drop them are of questionable character to say the least. Please bomb responsibly, and mind your collateral damage. ■

Note: All references to bombs, explosives and shit that goes "kaboom" are intended to be received within the context of drinking. If for some reason this article were to fall into the hands of an agent from the Department of Homeland Security, we would urge that agent to have a stiff drink.

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# CAREFUL MAN, THERE'S A BEVERAGE HERE!

*Caucasians really tie the room together*

BY SHANNON FINNELL

I've got information, man! New shit has come to light!

Ever want to sip a white Russian in a bowling alley without worrying that you'll end up serving 6 months in Chino? As long as you don't do something foolish, like expose yourself to an 8-year-old, you can enjoy what you want at Strike City, out on Highway 99.

First a little clarification: This is not 'Nam. This is bowling. There are rules. Liquor is sold downstairs in the Spare Room, in an area where minors aren't allowed.

Christie Scott at the OLCC says that liquor can be sold in the area without minors and that place is said to have a "predominant activity" that's drinking-related. When patrons leave the bar, they enter an area where the predominant activity is bowling, and liquor can be consumed but not sold — so separating the selling from the drinking makes it legal.

I know, I know, this is a very complicated case. A lotta ins, lotta outs, lotta what-haves-yous. And, uh, lotta strands to keep in your head, man. You might have to adhere to a pretty strict, uh, drug regimen to keep your mind limber.

Don't get down on yourself if you can't keep all those strands in your head; if you're into the whole brevity thing, you can just be a nihilist about it and not adhere to any belief. "Every restaurant is different; every bowling alley is different," Scott says.

The white Russians — or Caucasians, if you're a fan of the preferred nomenclature — are just about perfect, with their milky softness and coffee punch, and they were just on the right side of strong the night we visited.

Strike City's Eric Gilbert says having a bar with a full liquor license is a pretty rare thing. "We're the only one I know of," he says.

Gilbert says that right now specials like 75-cent tacos on Fridays and Saturdays are the most popular, but he's looking to start up more Lebowski-themed events, such as a night with drink specials or special deals for those who bowl in costumes or bathrobes. Anyone with ideas or who wants to be kept in the loop can contact Gilbert at info@eugenegamecentral.com

In the meantime, sipping on Caucasians isn't the only way to celebrate the Duderino at Strike City. Each of the Spare Room's burgers is named for a character in the movie — Brandt, Jeffrey, Donny, Hungus, Maude, Jackie, Bunny and The Sobchak Slammer — and made with Ninkasi's Brew Beef Patties; they're range-fed, hormone and antibiotic-free and finished with spent grain from Ninkasi. Does beef make you feel like you're out of your element? Substitute a turkey, chicken or garden burger for free. There's also a handmade free-range buffalo burger for \$1.50 more.

Still think having liquor in a bowling alley is too scandalous for Oregon? Well, that's just, like, your opinion, man. ■

Note: Those unfamiliar with the 1998 Coen brothers classic film The Big Lebowski might wonder about the origins of that reference to Chino, 'Nam and Caucasians. Check out the movie before writing to our dear editor.

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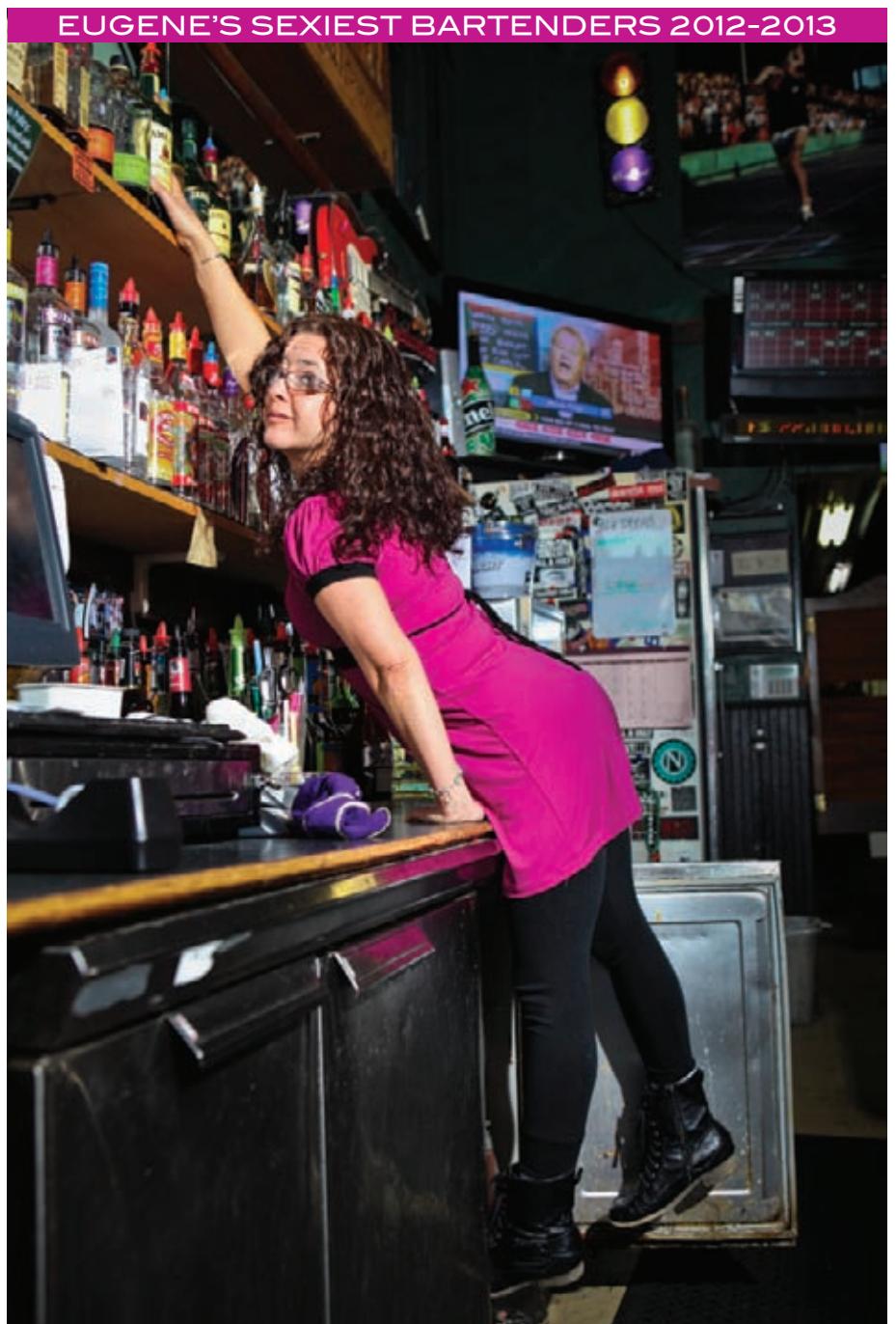
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## JANIECE RODRIGUEZ

Black Forest

Black Forest bartender Janiece Rodriguez was 22 when she moved from L.A. to Austin, Texas, where she learned to pour drinks, "amongst other fun things." Nice. She's been at the Black Forest now going on five years. "I work for the best bar owners ever," she says, "and my regulars rock!"

### WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE DRINK?

Henry Weinhard's root beer. Yep, that's right, I'm a bartender who doesn't drink. But I totally know how to make a deliciously stiff drink.

### WHAT IS THE SEXIEST DRINK YOU MAKE?

The Flirtini. Absolute Mandarin, pineapple and a splash of Champagne served in a chilled martini glass. It is so deliciously sexy!

### DO YOU FLIRT FOR TIPS?

No, I flirt 'cause it's fun. It's my smart-ass charm that gets me my tips!

### WHAT'S THE BIGGEST TIP YOU'VE EVER RECEIVED?

Is this a trick question? A 1964 Chevy truck for my 10-year-old kid — true story! But, money-wise, \$150.

### WHAT IS YOUR BEST ATTRIBUTE?

My customers like it when I have to climb to reach the top shelf; I'm five feet. I think it shows off my finest asset. But, really, I think it's my ability to make everyone who sits at my bar feel fantastic.

### WHAT IS THE BEST OR WORST PICK-UP LINE YOU'VE HEARD?

I wish you were DSL, 'cause I want high-speed access!

### THE BEATLES OR STONES?

I'm a Beatles gal.

## EUGENE'S SEXIEST BARTENDERS 2012-2013



### MALACHI OLIVER

Bier Stein

Born into the Rocky Mountain highs of Colorado and raised in Sacramento, Calif., and Eugene, 41-year-old Malachi Oliver has been tending bar since 1996. As the people know and the votes attest, this Bier Stein bartender will have you under his thumb by the first drink, 'cause he's bringing sexy back one keg at a time.

#### WHAT IS YOUR DRINK OF CHOICE?

My drink of choice is beer — specifically, St. Bernardus. About twelve.

#### WHAT IS THE SEXIEST DRINK YOU MAKE?

My sexiest drink is my leftover dregs at the bottom of my pint.

#### DO YOU FLIRT FOR TIPS?

I flirt till it hurts.

#### WHAT'S THE BIGGEST TIP YOU'VE EVER RECEIVED?

The biggest tip I've gotten? I don't know, 'cause we share tips with all staff.

#### WHAT IS YOUR BEST ATTRIBUTE?

My overwhelming sense of love and adoration for all who enter the Bier Stein, and my smile when I hand them their beer.

#### WHAT IS THE BEST OR WORST PICK-UP LINE YOU'VE HEARD?

Are those space pants you're wearing, 'cause your ass is out of this world!

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# CURES FOR THE CAUSE

*Handling your hangover*

BY SARAH DECKER

Any drinker can entertain you with a good hangover story or two. And for every hangover story, there are at least five “known” cures. The science supporting most remedies is shaky, and when seeking a cure it really comes down to personal preference as well as individual makeup. But when you’ve overdone the boozing and are hurting the next morning, chances are you’ll try just about anything to feel better.

In order to counteract the effects of alcohol, it is important to first know what is going on with your body during a hangover. First and foremost, your body is severely dehydrated. Also, the liver is working overtime to break down the ethanol contained in alcoholic beverages, so it is unable to provide your body with the necessary amounts of glucose to power important organs like the brain. This all leaves you feeling lethargic, nauseous, weak and, chances are, there is a pounding headache involved as well.

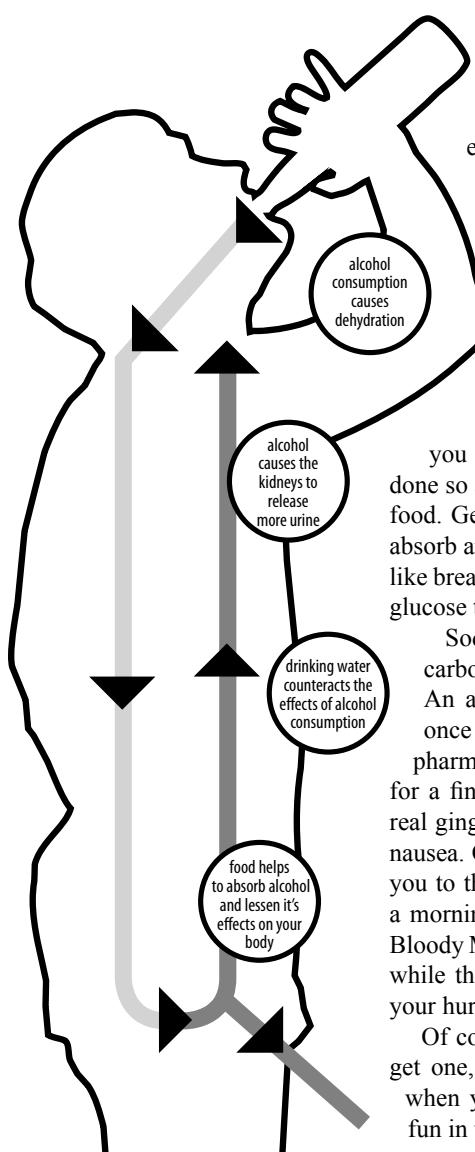
Cures — and trust me, I use the term loosely — can be broken down into two main categories. First, there is the planner’s approach, which is prevention. If you can anticipate overindulging, the effects of a hangover can be reduced if not avoided altogether by drinking ample amounts of water alongside your alcoholic beverage of choice. One popular method is one glass of water to match every cocktail.

Also, make sure you’ve lined your stomach with a healthy amount of food. This facilitates the absorption of alcohol, lessening its effects on your body. Last, avoid brown beverages (whiskey, rum, etc.) and cheap liquors, which haven’t been filtered as much as clear and mid- to top-shelf liquors. Following these three tips, your chances of waking and functioning decently the following day improve.

On the off chance you cannot anticipate overconsumption or simply forget to safeguard yourself, the next morning (or afternoon) will find you soon enough. Enter the ol’ standbys. Though you feel like vomiting — and potentially have done so already — now is a good time to grab some food. Getting something in your stomach will help absorb any remaining alcohol, and carb-heavy foods like bread or pancakes will speed some much needed glucose to tissues, particularly the brain.

Sodas can ease an upset stomach and the carbonation helps combat roiling stomach acids. An age-old favorite is Coke, whose syrup was once a staple used to treat stomach ailments in pharmacies around the country. Ginger ale makes for a fine choice as well — as long as it involves real ginger, a root used around the world to combat nausea. Of course, people will always try and direct you to the “hair of the dog,” or, in layman’s terms, a morning cocktail. If you go this route, make it a Bloody Mary. The alcohol in the vodka eases the pain while the tomato juice and other veggies replenish your hurting body.

Of course, the best cure for a hangover is to not get one, to know your limits and cut yourself off when you’ve reached that point. But where’s the fun in that? ■



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## ACQUIRED TASTES

*Hard Times Distillery Vodka* BY ANDY VALENTINE

Vodka. It's an old standard – the Russians down it with breakfast, the rich housewives of West Chester, Pa., slop it in their martinis with lunch, and the alco-jocks chase it down with Red Bull and alco-pops on the weekends.

Out in Monroe, Ore., the fellas at **Hard Times Distillery, LLC** have been concocting some spirits that might just pull vodka back from the brink of typecast.

Take for instance their unique blend of vodka and wasabi, aptly named "Green Geisha"; it's an acquired taste for sure, though not as spicy as one would think. Personally, I'm not a fan – but knocking something before you've tried it is for fools. Pure wasabi root, neutral grain spirits and Quail Ridge spring water go into the stuff, and it can be thrown back straight, but it's recommended as a spike for martinis and Bloody Marys.

Next comes Hard Times' basic vodka – though not so basic, as reality would have it. "Sugar Momma" is naturally sweet vodka designed to be hucked in a glass over rocks and sipped delicately. She can be thrown into any sweet vodka drink quite easily, too: lemon drops, caipirinhas, vodka alexanders, you name it.

Hard Times Distillery is attempting to revamp the old school moonshining aesthetic while creating unique, acquired tastes within their product – they've triumphed in both fields. ■

*Hard Times spirits hit shelves this month; for more information on tastings and products visit [www.hardtimesdistillery.com](http://www.hardtimesdistillery.com)*

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**CITY NIGHTCLUB, THE** 2222 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. 343-4734. [thecityeugene.com](http://thecityeugene.com) [DANCE CLUB, NEIGHBORHOOD] Munchies menu, \$2 wells, \$2 Long Island iced teas. Poker nights every Tuesday and first and third Thursdays; Comedy Night every second and fourth Wednesday (7:30 pm); Karaoke every Wednesday (9 pm). Pool (free after 10 pm), video games, lottery games, HDTV, covered smoking area, in-house breathalyzer, outdoor seating that overlooks the Willamette River estuary/Alton Baker Park. 11:30 am-1 am M-Th; 11:20 am-2 am F & Sa.

**COOLER RESTAURANT & BAR, THE** 20 Centennial Loop. 484-4355. [thecoolerbar.com](http://thecoolerbar.com) [AVERAGE JOE, NEIGHBORHOOD] Watch Duck football or stop in before a night on the town. Young crowd, live music, TV shows all sports, all the time. Fifteen-foot big-screen TV, karaoke, DJs, lottery games, video games, pool. Happy Hour: 4 pm-7 pm M-F and all day Sunday. \$1.75 domestic drafts, \$3.25 micro drafts, \$2.25 well liquors, \$2.75 call liquors. \$5 burger & brew M-F. Specials: TH: \$1 domestic drafts, \$1 wells, \$1.75 PBR 16 oz. cans, 9 pm-midnight. 6 am-2:30 am daily.

**BLIND PIG BAR & GRILL** 2750 Roosevelt. 461-2778. [www.blindpigbarandgrill.com](http://www.blindpigbarandgrill.com). [SPORTS BAR] Blind Pig is a unique spot; it's like walking into a prohibition era speakeasy (except that all twelve drafts and their full bar is completely legal). Heavy-pour mixed drinks and daily chef specials adorn the wide-ranged menu—which serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Vintage jukebox, TVs (to accompany a party for every Duck game), pool, darts, and covered patio seating available. Free pool Sundays. 6:30 am-2:30 am M-Su.

**AXE & FIDDLE** 657 E. Main St., Cottage Grove. 942-5942. [www.axefiddle.com](http://www.axefiddle.com) [LIVE MUSIC, OUT OF TOWN] Cottage Grove's local pub offers live music and entertainment six nights a week. Northwest beers, local wines, full menu including "the tastiest pizza in Lane County." 3 pm-close M-Sa.

**B2 WINE BAR** 2794 Shadow View Dr. 505-8909. [WINE BAR] B2, in the Crescent Village development, is working to become a north Eugene hot spot, with a crowd that ranges from business lunchers to college students to seniors. A Sunday brunch omelette bar is \$6, with a mimosa added for \$4. Outdoor seating, live music, TV. Noon-11 pm M-Th, noon-midnight F & Sa.

**BIER STEIN, THE** 345 E. 11th Ave. 485-2437. [www.myspace.com/thebierstein](http://www.myspace.com/thebierstein) [NEIGHBORHOOD] The Bier Stein has repeatedly won Best Eugene awards for its selection for a reason: with more than 1000 bottled beers and 10 ever-changing beers on tap, the selection simply can't be beat. The

**CAFÉ LUCKY NOODLE** 207 E. 5th Ave. 484-4777. [www.lucky noodle.com](http://www.lucky noodle.com) [LOUNGE] CLN touts its "Welcoming, vivacious, romantic atmosphere," and offers a specialty cocktail list that includes the key lime martini, organic berry kamikaze, espresso martini and chili margarita — not to mention a "full late-night food menu to rock you steady." Outdoor seating. 11 am-midnight M-F, 9 am-midnight Sa & Su.

**CORNUCOPIA BAR & BURGERS** 207 E. 5th Ave. (5th & Pearl). 485-2676. [www.eugenecatering.com](http://www.eugenecatering.com) [NEIGHBORHOOD] The younger sibling of the establishment on 17th & Lincoln, Cornucopia Bar & Burgers brings new life to the space that was once home to Chanterelle. Nightly events offer something for everyone: M: Trivia with Keith Appleby; Tu: live music from Jesse Meade; W: Karaoke Night (with trophies); Th: Big Screen Veg Night; F & Sa: live music; Su: Sports (on the restaurant's 10-foot big screen, we assume). Don't miss the happy hour Wheel of Prizes or a chance to play late night free Wii.



Happy Hour: 3 pm-6 pm M-F. \$1 off pints or glasses of wine. 11 am-2:30 am daily.

**COWFISH DANCE CLUB** 62 W. Broadway. 683-6319. [LOUNGE, DANCE CLUB, LIVE MUSIC] A hip but unpretentious downtown hot spot catering to an eclectic crowd and offering everything from ping pong to nightly DJs and dancing to live acts. Happy Hour: 5-11 pm every day. \$1 PBR, \$2 wells. 5 pm-2:30 am daily.

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**THE DAVIS BAR** 94 W. Broadway. 485-1124. [LOUNGE] Upscale downtown bar serving business folk, shoppers and downtown people, and featuring house infusions and cask-aged Manhattans. Happy Hour: \$1 off anything drink related, \$7.50 burger & brew, 4-6 pm daily. 11 am-midnight daily.

**DIABLO'S DOWNTOWN LOUNGE** 959 Pearl St. 343-2346. [www.myspace.com/diablosdowntownlounge](http://www.myspace.com/diablosdowntownlounge) [LIVE MUSIC, LOUNGE] Two floors of entertainment ranging from live music to a whole host of theme events: monthly parties, Texas hold 'em, Fetish Night, Naked Sushi. M: Big Money Comedy Bingo with all-you-can-eat spaghetti, 8 pm. Tu: Big Taco Tuesday, open mic 7 pm, karaoke 9 pm. W: Downtown Blues Band, Bikes & BBQ, show 8 pm, jam 9 pm. Th: Funk and reggae jam, 9 pm, and enchilada special. F: Live music and Diablo's DJ dance party. Sa: DJs, bands and breakfast until sundown; comedy shows. Su: \$6 bloody Mary bar, karaoke at 9 pm (family karaoke 5 pm-8 pm first and third Sundays). Pool, video games, lottery games, outdoor seating, TV, pinball, DJs,

darts, karaoke. Happy Hour: 4 pm-7 pm: \$1 well drinks and microbrews, plus daily drink specials. Originators of Lucifer's Lemonade, Fresh-n-Clean and Pimp Juice cocktails. 1 pm-2:30 am daily. Minors permitted until 9 pm.

**DOC'S PAD** 710 Willamette St. 343-0224. [LOUNGE, SPORTS BAR] Sports is the main focus of this cozy neighborhood bar, with two huge projection screen TVs and more than 25 HD TVs including viewing in the outdoor patio area. Also features live music, karaoke and DJs on Saturday & Sunday nights. Happy Hour: 15 percent off for students, half off appetizers, 4-7 pm M-F. Specials: \$2 Tuesday, all day; W: \$1 wells, 8 pm-close; oyster & ales Thursday, 6 pm-close. 11 am-2:30 am daily.

**DUCK INN SPORTS BAR** 1795 W. 6th Ave. 302-9206. [SPORTS BAR] Darts, video games, lottery games, outdoor seating, TV, pinball, karaoke. Happy Hour: 4 pm-6 pm weekdays: daily liquor special. Sun: \$1 PBR or Coors Original, free pool.

**ELDORADO CLUB** 3000 W. 11th Ave. 683-4580. [NEIGHBORHOOD] "A completely different bar than the past," say Eldorado's owners. The west Eugene bar offers a host of entertainment options, from pool tournaments (7 pm Thursdays) to beer pong tournaments (7 pm Tuesdays) to weekend karaoke (9 pm), Wii games and nightly blackjack (9 pm). Daily drink specials, homemade chili and spaghetti. Tuesday is \$1 day, with dollar beers and tacos and free pool. Pool, video games, lottery games, TV, darts, covered smoking area, outdoor seating. Happy Hour: 4 pm-7 pm: \$3 micros, \$2 domestics, \$1 house beer, \$3 well liquors. 11 am-2:30 am daily.

**THE EMBERS** 1811 Hwy 99 N. 688-6564. [NEIGHBORHOOD, LOUNGE] A drinking hole with a friendly vibe, the kind of place you'd be happy to take your grandpa or your old drinking buddies. Featuring down home cooking and daily soup

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**FALLING SKY BREWING HOUSE** 1334 Oak Alley. 505-7096. [www.fallingskybrewing.com](http://fallingskybrewing.com) [BREWPUB] With enough handcrafted beer and delicious food to go around, Falling Sky Brewing House is a great place to stop in for a drink and a bite. As with most brewpubs, Falling Sky attracts all types—from hefty stout drinkers to die-hard hefeweizen fans. TVs, outdoor seating, and darts available. Drink specials during Happy Hours. 11 am-12 am Su-We, 11 am-1 am Th-Sa.

**FATHOMS BAR** 790 E. 14th Ave. (below Pegasus Pizza). 344-4471. [www.pegasuspizza.net](http://pegasuspizza.net) [NEIGHBORHOOD, SPORTS BAR]

Small, intimate bar with great Pegasus Pizza. Fathoms' scene is students and people looking for a good time. Two Wednesdays a month the bar is home to Rock and Roll Damnation with live DJs spinning classic rock, punk, metal, glam, New Wave, soul and blues on vinyl only. When you tire of burger 'n' brews, try mini pizza and brew, 5 pm-9 pm Monday and Tuesday: \$4.95 domestic, \$5.95 micro. Happy Hour: 8:30 pm-10 pm M-Sa: \$1.50 well drinks and domestic beers. Pool, pinball, HDTV. 5 pm-close M-Sa.

**GOOD TIMES CAFE & BAR** 375 E. 7th Ave. 484-7181. [NEIGHBORHOOD, SPORTS BAR] Sports bar by day, service industry hangout at night, college kids on the weekend. Always a trustworthy choice when you can't find the game on TV. 36 taps, 5 pool tables, outside patio, full bar and 14 big screen TVs. Video games, lottery games, live music, pinball. Specials: Su & M: free pool; T: blues jam and \$2.50 wells 9 pm-midnight. 11 am-2:30 am daily.

**HIGH STREET BREWERY & CAFE** 1243 High St. 345-4905. [NEIGHBORHOOD] It can be hard to get a seat in this comfy, welcoming brewpub-in-a-house on a weekend night, but always

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**HIGHLANDS BREW PUB** 390 E. 40th Ave. 485-4304. [NEIGHBORHOOD, SPORTS BAR] With plenty of pool tables and pinball machines, Highlands is a great place to get a pint or a pitcher and watch a Ducks game. Impressive selection of beers on tap. 11 am-2:30 am daily.

**HOP VALLEY BREWING COMPANY** 980 Kruse Way, Springfield. 744-3330. [www.hopvalleybrewing.com](http://www.hopvalleybrewing.com) [NEIGHBORHOOD]

It's just a hop (er, sorry) out to Springfield to try out this brewpub, which boasts former Eugene City Brewery brewer Trevor Howard's creations. With a full menu, a good beer selection and a big, booth-heavy space, Hop Valley is a great addition to Springfield's eating and drinking lineup. 11 am-2 am daily.

**HORSEHEAD BAR** 99 W. Broadway. 683-3154. [www.myspace.com/horseheadbar](http://myspace.com/horseheadbar) [AVERAGE JOE, NEIGHBORHOOD] Laid-back local bar with generously sized smoking patios in front and back. Cool staff with diverse musical tastes makes your stiff drinks fast. Great tattoos on most of the staff and half of the customers. Bartender Ty Connor was voted Eugene's Best Bartender in the 2009-2010 EW Best of Eugene readers' poll. Pool, darts, video games, pinball, outdoor seating, TV, daily food specials. Happy Hour: 11:30 am-9 pm daily: \$2.75 well drinks, \$5.50 well doubles, \$.75 off call drinks, \$2.25 PBR, \$2.50 domestics, \$3.50 micros. 10 pm-2:30 am: \$6.75 well doubles. Super Happy Hour: 4 pm-5 pm: \$1.50 domestics, \$2.50 micros. Daily food specials. Free pool until 10 pm every day, and all day Su & M. 11:30 am-2:30 am daily.

**HOT MAMA'S WINGS** 420 W. 13th Ave. 653-9999. [www.hotmamaswings.com](http://www.hotmamaswings.com) [RESTAURANT, SPORTS BAR] This place is awesome if you're looking

to chill out at the bar, chat with the bartenders a little and watch some sports. Happy hours weekdays: 3 pm-6 pm, M-Th 9 pm-close, F-Sa 10 pm-close; \$1 off drafts and wells, \$.50 off wine, \$2.50 off pitchers. Daily food and drink specials, rotating taps. Open mic, live music, TV. M 4 pm-10 pm; T, F, Sa 11:30 am-11 pm; W, Th 11:30 am-10 pm; Su 11:30 am-9 pm.

**JACKALOPE LOUNGE** 453 Willamette St. 485-1519. [www.jackalopelounge.com](http://www.jackalopelounge.com) [NEIGHBORHOOD, SPORTS BAR]

Comfy sports bar with a good number of beers on tap, friendly bartenders and more TVs than you can shake a stick at. Burger or bratwurst & brew on Monday; Monday nights also offer Guitar Hero and Rock Band competitions starting at 8 pm. Pool, darts, video games, lottery games, pinball, TV, outdoor seating, wi-fi. 11 am-2:30 am daily.

**JAMESON'S** 115 W. Broadway. 485-9913. [LOUNGE]

A warm, stylish, often packed, comfortable place to shoot pool, talk to friends and partake in the bar's selection of Scotch, Irish and American whiskeys. The padded, massive bar is a great place to perch and people-watch in between rounds of darts, and the high-backed booths are just right for a place like this. Free pool 4 pm-9 pm daily and all day Su & M. Outdoor seating, TV, pool, darts. Happy Hour: 4 pm-9 pm daily: \$1 off micros and liquors, \$1.50 off martinis, \$1.25 PBRs. 4 pm-2:30 am daily.

**JIMMY MAC'S OVERTIME GRILL** 770 S. Bertelsen. 342-5028. [AVERAGE JOE, NEIGHBORHOOD]

Cold beer and good food for good prices. Diverse clientele. 25-cent pool tables. Breakfast 7 am-11 am M-F and 7 am-3 pm Sa & Su. Happy Hour: 7 am-9 am and 4 pm-7 pm daily; 11 pm-midnight weekdays. \$2.25 domestic drafts, \$3.25 micro and well drinks. Video games, lottery games, outdoor seating, live music, TV, pinball. Specials: Th: Westside Blues Jam 8pm-1am; Sunday Services - \$1.25 domestic drafts, \$2.25

micros 7 am-5 pm. 7 am-2 am daily.

**JOHN HENRY'S** 77 W. Broadway. 342-3358. [www.johnhenrysclub.com](http://johnhenrysclub.com) [AVERAGE JOE, DANCE CLUB, LIVE MUSIC]

Scene changes every night of the week but most nights, John Henry's has a mixed crowd. Wide variety of events from '80s dance night to burlesque show. National and local bands cross the small black stage. Friendly staff and cool T-shirts. No happy hour, but reasonably priced drinks all the time. Pool, video games, lottery games, pinball. John Henry's awards include Best Place to Go Dancing and Best Place to Meet Someone You'd Never Take Home to Mom (2009-2010 and 2008-2009).

**LAVA LOUNGE & RING OF FIRE** 1099 Chambers. 344-6475. [www.ringoffirerestaurant.com](http://ringoffirerestaurant.com) [LOUNGE]

"Pacific Rim kisses the Northwest with a fusion of flavors, exotic infusions and Lava Lounge's specialty cocktails that will register on your own personal Richter scale," the Lava Lounge folks explain. With local microbrews, made-in-Oregon liquors and the chili margarita, which was voted Best House Drink in the 2009-2010 EW Best of Eugene readers' poll. 11 am-11 pm M-Sa, noon-11 pm Su.

**LAVELLE CLUB ROOM AT THE MARKET** 296 E. 5th Ave. 338-9875. [lavellevineyards.com](http://lavellevineyards.com) [LIVE MUSIC, LOUNGE]

Owned and operated by LaVelle Vineyards. Wine tastings during the day and small menu served evenings, with live music 5:30 pm-8:30 pm Th & F. Noon-6 pm Sa-Tu, 3 pm-9 pm W-F.

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**LOFT AT TURTLES,**  
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**LUCKEY'S** 933 Olive St. 687-4643. [luckeysclub.com](http://luckeysclub.com) [LIVE MUSIC] Eugene's oldest bar, this Irish pub has loads of history (just read the framed articles on the wall while you wait for your turn to shoot pool!) and hosts live music Tuesday-Saturday: generally indie, funk, alt country, jazz and singer-songwriters. Darts, video games, lottery games, TV, DJs. Happy Hour: 4 pm-7 pm daily. \$1 off microbrews, \$1 off liquor. \$2 featured micro Monday-Thursday.

**MAC'S AT THE VET'S CLUB** 1626 Willamette St. [www.macsatthevets.com](http://www.macsatthevets.com) [AVERAGE JOE, LIVE MUSIC] Diverse crowd — jocks, hippies, bikers, business folks, old folks, veterans, kids and musicians. Dance floor, video games, lottery games, outdoor seating, TV, live music, full dinner menu. Happy Hour: 4 pm-6 pm, \$.50 off well drinks and draft beers. Specials: Tu: \$7 dinner specials; W: \$6 Burger & Brew; Th: \$2 MacTarnahan's 9 pm-midnight. At least three drink specials nightly. \$1 PBR for veterans. 9 am-10 pm daily.

**MARCHÉ** 296 E. 5th St. (Fifth Street Market). 342-3612. [www.marcherestaurant.com](http://www.marcherestaurant.com) [LOUNGE] There are very few seats in the bar of this respected Eugene restaurant, but they're worth grabbing — both for the carefully made cocktails and for the bar menu, which ranges from pizzettes to oysters to an ample charcuterie plate. Like the restaurant's food, Marché's cocktails are made with an eye to what's in season; ever-changing aperitifs and other drinks make use of fresh, local produce. 11:30 am-11 pm M-Sa; 11:30 am-10 pm Su.

**MAX'S TAVERN** 550 E. 13th Ave. [AVERAGE JOE, NEIGHBORHOOD] Eugene's old standby got gussied up in the last few years with a beautiful new bar and extensive renovations. Occasional live music; always friendly bartenders and endless bowls of buttery popcorn. Tuesday is trivia night; head down at 8 pm and win cash or wacky prizes! Pool, video games, TV, wi-fi.

**MCSHANE'S BAR & GRILL** 86495 College View Rd. [LIVE MUSIC, NEIGHBORHOOD] An out-of-the-way but totally worth it bar owned and operated by a local bartender with 12 years experience serving Eugene/Springfield bar patrons. Indoor smoking section and a diverse clientele. Building has tons of character and several floors of amusement — just watch out for the tricycle racers on Tuesdays! Pool, darts, video games, lottery games, outdoor seating, TV, pinball. Happy Hour: 4 pm-7 pm.

pm M-F. \$2.25 well drinks, \$1.75 domestics, \$1.50 PBRs, \$2.75 micros. Specials: M: Micro Mondays, \$2.50 micro-pints 4 pm-midnight; Tu: Two Buck Tuesdays, \$2 well drinks from 7 pm-midnight; W: Women's Wednesday, \$1 off all food and beverage purchases for ladies; Th: Burger and Brew \$6 4 pm-midnight; F: \$5 Long Islands 7 pm-midnight; Sa: Stoli Saturdays, \$1 off all Stolichnaya cocktails 8 pm-midnight; Su: Service Industry Night, \$1 discount on all food & beverage purchases for service industry workers. Free pool 10 pm-2 am nightly. 11 am-2:30 am daily.

**MOHAWK TAVERN** 1501 Mohawk Blvd, Spfd. 747-3211. [NEIGHBORHOOD, SPORTS BAR] Neighborhood joint featuring pool, darts and 13 brand-new big screen TVs for your sports viewing pleasure. Also hosts karaoke and live music. Happy Hour: 11 am-2 pm & 4-7 pm M-F, 8:30 am-6 pm Sa, all day Su. Specials: M: \$1 PBR all day; T: \$2.75 margaritas & Coronas all day, \$10 buckets of domestics, \$12 buckets of Coronas until 8 pm; W: \$3 Widmers, wells, wine & wine coolers all day; TH: \$3.25 microbrews all day, \$6 domestic pitchers until 8 pm; F: \$4 call brand liquors, \$5 burger & brews until 8 pm; SA: happy hour 8:30 am-6 pm; SU: happy hour all day. 8:30 am-midnight Su-Tu, 8:30 am-1:30 am W, 8:30 am-2:30 am Th-Sa.

**MULLIGANS** 2841 Willamette St. 484-1727. [AVERAGE JOE] This down-to-earth Willamette Street bar is home to a dedicated group of regulars and a busy open mic night on Wednesdays and Sundays (sign-up is at 8:30). Pool, outdoor seating, lottery games.

**NILE GENTLEMAN'S CLUB, THE** 1030 Hwy. 99. 688-1869. [www.thenileeugene.com](http://www.thenileeugene.com) [TITTY BAR] No cover, more than 120 beers, full menu until midnight. 4 pm-2:30 am M-Sa, 4 pm-midnight Su.

**O BAR, THE** 115 Commons Dr. 349-0707. [NEIGHBORHOOD, SPORTS BAR] "The ultimate Duck experience," say the folks at the O Bar, which was in *Playboy*'s 2009 list of the top 10 college sports bars. Full kitchen serves pasta, pizza, burgers and more until 2 am; breakfast is available on the weekends. Events include Monday trivia night (7:30 pm) and karaoke on Tuesday and Friday. Weeknight happy hour offers \$2 domestic drafts and \$3 wells. Specials: Su: 50-cent tacos; Tu: Ladies' night; \$2 wells; W: Burger and brew, \$5; Th: Thirsty Thursday 8 pm-midnight, \$2 domestics, \$3 micros and \$2 wells. Lottery games, TV, outdoor seating. 11 am-2:30 pm.

**OAK STREET SPEAKEASY** 915 Oak St. 284-4000. [www.myspace.com/oakstreetspeakeasy](http://www.myspace.com/oakstreetspeakeasy) [LIVE MUSIC] This underground space at the corner of Oak and Broadway hosts live music on the

weekends, but never has a cover charge. 11:30 am-midnight M-F, 4:30 pm-midnight Sa & Su.

**O'DONNELL'S** 295 Hwy 99 N. 688-4902. [NEIGHBORHOOD] Nice pub featuring burgers, etc. and karaoke three nights a week. Happy Hour: 4-6 pm M-F & 10 pm-close W-F. Specials: SU: \$1 PBR & free pool, 10 am-6 pm Su, 10 am-2:30 am daily.

**OLD PAD, THE** 3355 E. Amazon [AVERAGE JOE, NEIGHBORHOOD] The former bartending home of Steve Prefontaine features six big screen TVs with surround sound for taking in Ducks or other games, a digital jukebox, four pool tables and other games (including Oregon Lottery). This long-running bar, which opened in 1962, has 21 beers on tap and offers regular drink and beer specials. The Old Pad is "Eugene's home for the UFC," they say; events are shown without a cover, and prizes are given out after each event. Specials: Tu: \$1 tacos, free pool; W: \$1 broasted hot legs and half-price bottles of wine; F: full prime rib dinners, \$9.99. Caught-in-the-Act karaoke at 9 pm Thursdays. Pool, video games, lottery games, heated outdoor seating, TV, pinball, karaoke. Happy Hour: 4 pm-6 pm M-F, 7 am-2:30 am M-Sa, 7 am-midnight Su.

**PAPA'S SOUL FOOD KITCHEN & BLUES JOINT** 400 Blair Blvd. 342-7500. [www.myspace.com/papassoulkitchen](http://www.myspace.com/papassoulkitchen) [LIVE MUSIC, NEIGHBORHOOD] Papa's isn't just about satisfying soul food; it's also home to a full bar and \$3 hurricanes, with live music some nights — and on the back patio in the summertime. Noon-midnight pm Tu-F, 1 pm-midnight Sa.

**PHIL'S CLUBHOUSE** 1195 Main St., Springfield. 741-0402. [TITTY BAR] Live nude entertainment. Pool, TV, DJs. Noon-2:30am daily.

**RABBIT BAR & BISTRO, THE** 2864 Willamette St. 343-8226. [www.rabbitbistro.com](http://www.rabbitbistro.com) [LOUNGE] It's surprisingly easy to forget you're just steps from several giant superstores when you're at the Rabbit's small and welcoming bar. The generous cocktail list offers the classics, the solid creations of the Rabbit's bartenders (often named for bands) — and the cheerfully silly Bubblegum Drank, made with house-infused bubblegum vodka (it's a vivid, frightening pink) and lemon. 11:30 am-10 pm M-F (closed 2 pm-4:30 pm weekdays), 4:30 pm-10 pm Sa, 4:30 pm-9 pm Su.

**RED AGAVE** 454 Willamette St. 683-2206. [redagave.net](http://redagave.net) [LOUNGE] The tiny but enticing bar at this Latin American restaurant offers a bright and interesting cocktail list (though sadly the drink involving balsamic vinegar seems to have gone missing — no, seriously! It was delicious!). Dine off the regular dinner menu or the smaller Cantina Menu, which is

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#### RENNIE'S LANDING

1214 Kincaid. 687-0600. [www.rennieslanding.com](http://www.rennieslanding.com) [NEIGHBORHOOD] Comfy college bar with a late night menu. Two decks and great fish and chips. Free pool on Sundays. Happy Hour: 4 pm-7 pm Su-F and 10pm-midnight Su-Th; Domestic pints \$2.75 and pitchers, \$6.50; micro pints \$3.50 and pitchers \$8.95; \$2.50 wells, \$4.50 doubles. Pinball, video games, pool, flat-screen TV, smoking on patios. Bud pong. 7:30 am-2 am M-F, 9 am-2 am Sa & Su.

#### ROGUE ALES PUBLIC HOUSE

844 Olive St. 345-4155. [NEIGHBORHOOD] More than 25 Rogue brews on tap. Menu includes Kobe beef burgers and tasty fish and chips, but it isn't cheap: if all you need is a snack to absorb your beers, don't pass up the delicious buffalo chips (even tastier with bleu cheese for dipping!). Outdoor seating, TV, lottery games. Specials: Happy meals 11 am-2 pm M-F; a pint of beer and a toy for \$2 with any meal. Bingo at 7:30 pm Wednesdays and trivia with Mr. Bill Fridays at 8 pm. 12 pm-10 pm M-TH, 12 pm-12 am F & Sa, 12 pm-9 pm Su.

**THE ROK** 44 E. 7th Ave. 344-1293. [DANCE CLUB] New nightclub featuring high capacity and large dance floor, and covering eclectic tastes from hip hop to Top 40. No cover for students and military, and women get in free all day every day. Free parking. Happy Hour: 4-7 pm every day. \$1.75 domestic, \$2 wells, \$2.25 micro, \$2 baskets of fries, chips, tots and homemade potato chips. Specials: \$1.25 PBR & Rainier every day; TH: \$1 draft, wells & special cocktails; FR & SA: \$2 Smirnoff vodka, \$3 skittles & jolly ranchers, \$4 Long Islands 9 pm-midnight. 11 am-2:30 am M-Sa.

**SAM BOND'S GARAGE** 407 Blair Blvd. 431-6603. [www.sambonds.com](http://www.sambonds.com) [LIVE MUSIC, NEIGHBORHOOD] Voted Best Bar

in last four *EW* Best of Eugene readers' polls (not to mention the Best Regular Event Night, for Monday's Bingo Night, in the 2009-2010 poll). Funky space with varied live music and friendly crowd. The garlicky-est garlic bread ever seen and delicious slices of pizza stand out on the menu; a handful of micro taps and full bar offer plenty of libations. The back patio is a fantastic place to relax when it's nice out — and a nice place to escape when the inside gets supercrowded. 4 pm-late daily.

#### SAM'S PLACE

825 Wilson St. 484-4455. [NEIGHBORHOOD, SPORTS BAR] West Eugene's friendly, local bar. Lottery games, outdoor seating. 9 am-2:30 am M-F, 8 am-2:30 am Sa, 8 am-midnight Su.

#### SIXTH STREET GRILL

55 W. 6th Ave. 485-2961. [www.sixthstreetgrill.com](http://www.sixthstreetgrill.com) [SPORTS BAR] The bar half of Sixth Street Bar and Grill is definitely a sports-focused establishment, from the giant old scoreboard to the many TVs. If there's a game on, you can probably see it here, in a mellow, social atmosphere with plenty of food options. Good array of taps and daily specials, including the Tuesday Burger and Brew (\$7) — but expect a wait for that one. Monday is Free Beer Night; get a free beer, wine or cocktail with your dinner entrée. Mark Alan plays Thursday nights (no cover). Happy Hour: 4 pm-6 pm daily. HDTV, lottery games, video games. 9 am-9 pm Su, 11 am-9 pm M, 11 am-10 pm Tu/Th, 11 am-11 pm F, 9 am-11 pm Sa.

#### SPIRITS BIKER BAR

1714 Main St., Springfield. 726-0113. [AVERAGE JOE] Springfield bike bar proudly lists designated motorcycle parking among its amenities, along with two pool tables, a large-screen TV and a dance floor; live music Th-Sa. Pinball, lottery games, darts. Tu: \$1 tacos starting at 4 pm. 10 am-2:30 am daily.

**STACY'S COVERED BRIDGE RESTAURANT & LOUNGE** 401 E. Main, Cottage Grove. [OUT OF TOWN]

Located on the historic bank of Cottage Grove. Clientele includes business folk, teachers, hippies, locals. Live music, TV, outdoor seating. Happy Hour: 4 pm-6 pm daily. \$1 off all drinks, \$2 off appetizers. Specials: M: \$1 oz. prime rib; W: Open mic and Ladies' Night, any drink \$2.50 8 pm-midnight; Th: Long Island Iced Teas \$2.75, 18 flavors to choose from. 4 pm-11 pm-ish daily.

#### STARLIGHT LOUNGE

830 Olive St. 343-3204. [myspace.com/thestarlightlounge](http://myspace.com/thestarlightlounge) [LOUNGE, NEIGHBORHOOD] The Starlight is a cozy, couch-strewn place that serves only made-in-Eugene beers, features Oregon-made spirits on its cocktail menu and offers a large selection of Oregon wines. A private billiards room with large HDTV is available for \$5 per hour, and the Starlight has wi-fi, which is pretty nifty. Voted Best Happy Hour/Drink Specials in the 2009-2010 *EW* Best of Eugene readers' poll. Darts, lottery games, video games, outdoor seating. Happy Hour: 4 pm-7 pm daily. \$2 white Russians made with Crater Lake Vodka; \$2 rotating tap featuring Ninkasi, Oakshire or Hop Valley beer; \$2 Hinman wines. \$2 Sauza tequila shots nightly from 9:30 pm-10:30 pm. 4 pm-2:30 am daily.

#### STEELHEAD BREWERY

199 E. 5th Ave. 686-2739. [www.steelheadbrewery.com](http://www.steelheadbrewery.com) [NEIGHBORHOOD, SPORTS BAR] This Eugene staple is known for good food and beer. 11:30 am-11:30 pm daily.

#### SWEET BASIL BAR

941 Pearl St. 284-2944. [www.sweetbasileug.com](http://www.sweetbasileug.com) [LOUNGE] Elegant bar in the downtown Thai restaurant serves up microbrews, cocktails (with infused liquors) and appetizers. Happy Hour: 5 pm-7 pm M-W: \$2.50 drafts and selected appetizers. 10 am-1 am daily.

#### SWEET ILLUSIONS

1836 South A St., Springfield. 762-1503. [TITTY BAR] "Always open and never clothed," says the punny information from this Springfield bar, which touts its "clean and

artful atmosphere with 44 nude beauties." Sweet Illusions offers a private Champagne room and and outdoor covered (and, we assume, clothed) smoking patio. Specials: M & W \$15 table dance and drink specials. Video games, lottery games, TV, DJs. "Nude hours" noon-2:15 am daily.

#### TAYLOR'S BAR & GRILL

701 High St. 544-6174. [NEIGHBORHOOD, SPORTS BAR] A sports bar that caters to college kids and professors, neighborhood folk, athletes and musicians, with tons of TVs and often featuring live music or DJs. There is almost never a cover charge (only Wed. 9-10:30 pm). Outside seating. Happy Hour: 5-7 pm M-Sa, all day Su. \$1.25 off all drinks, \$2.25 off all pitchers. Specials: M-TU: \$1 wells, 9-11 pm; TU: \$1.50 16 oz. can beers, \$4.50 Tic-Tac shots, 10 pm-midnight; W: \$1 micros, 9-10:30 pm, \$2 wells, 10-midnight; TH: \$1 domestics draft, 9-midnight, \$2 wells, Long Islands, Long Beaches, AMFs; F: \$2.35 oz. supermugs domestics, 9-10:30 pm, \$4.35 oz. supermugs domestics, 10:30 pm-midnight, \$3 vodkas & Red Bulls, 10 pm-midnight; SU: \$1.25 off all drinks, \$2.25 off all pitchers, all day. 9 am-2:30 pm daily.

#### TERRITORIAL VINEYARDS & WINE CO.

907 W. 3rd Ave. 684-9563. [www.territorialvineyards.com](http://www.territorialvineyards.com) [WINE BAR] Tasting room for the local vineyard offers local music Thursday evenings. 5 pm-11 pm Th, 5 pm-9 pm F & Sa.

#### TINY TAVERN

394 Blair Blvd. 687-8383. [www.tinytavern.com](http://www.tinytavern.com) [LIVE MUSIC] Serving Eugene since 1938, this funky Whiteaker bar has loyal followers of its quirky charms. Famous chili, daily beer specials, live music and more. 11 am-2 am daily.

#### TRACKSTIR'S SPORTS BAR

3350 Gateway, Spfd. 726-1261. [www.facebook.com/trackstirs](http://www.facebook.com/trackstirs) [SPORTS BAR] This off-track betting joint is a great place to kick back, drop some cash on the races and play some pool. Happy hour 12pm-2 pm / 4 pm-6

pm daily; \$3.50 micros, \$2.75 dom., rotating drink specials. \$5 nachos & \$2 PBR everyday. Breakfast, lunch, dinner, 75 cent pool, darts, video games, lottery, TV, and of course off-track betting every day except Tuesday. 9 am-12 am M-Su.

#### TURTLES BAR & GRILL

2690 Willamette St. 465-9038. [NEIGHBORHOOD, SPORTS BAR] Warm, casual, family friendly atmosphere. Wide variety of comfort food, full bar, large portions. Specials every night on food and drinks and a lengthy menu of specialty cocktails. Outdoor seating, TV. Happy Hour: 3 pm-5 pm daily. \$2 pints, \$1 off appetizers, \$1 off glasses of wine & well drinks. 11 am-midnight daily.

#### VINTAGE, THE

Lincoln St. 349-9181. [www.thewintageeugene.com](http://thewintageeugene.com) [LOUNGE, NEIGHBORHOOD] This restaurant and bar makes its home in a tiny, charming house; sit downstairs at the bar or watch the world go by from an upstairs window. Snack on crepes and make the most of the Vintage's daily food and drink specials: M: Margarita Monday, buy one get one free; Tu: Tuesday Boozeday, half price cocktails all day; W: Wine Wednesday, all glass pours half price; Th: Burger and 2 Brews, burger and two pints for \$8. Happy Hour: 4 pm-6 pm daily; Buy one get one tapas; \$2.50 drafts; \$3.75 well drinks; \$4.50 wines by the glass; \$4.75 Absolut cocktails. 11 am-10 pm M-Th, 11 am-midnight F, 9 am-midnight Sa, 9 am-9 pm Su.

#### WHISKEY RIVER RANCH

4740 Main St., Spfd. 744-1594. [NEIGHBORHOOD, LIVE MUSIC] A saloon/steakhouse type setting featuring a dance floor and live music, as well as a full menu (breakfast all day, every day), giant-screen TV and games. Happy Hour: 3-7 pm M-F, 11 am-2:30 pm M-F, 7 am-2:30 am Sa-Su.

**WOW HALL** 291 W. 8th Ave. 687-2746. [LIVE MUSIC] An all-ages venue and Eugene institution. Shows most nights, from folk to indie to punk and back again. Downstairs bar with several beers on tap and a large selection of bottled beers. Now if only the bar were open all the time ...

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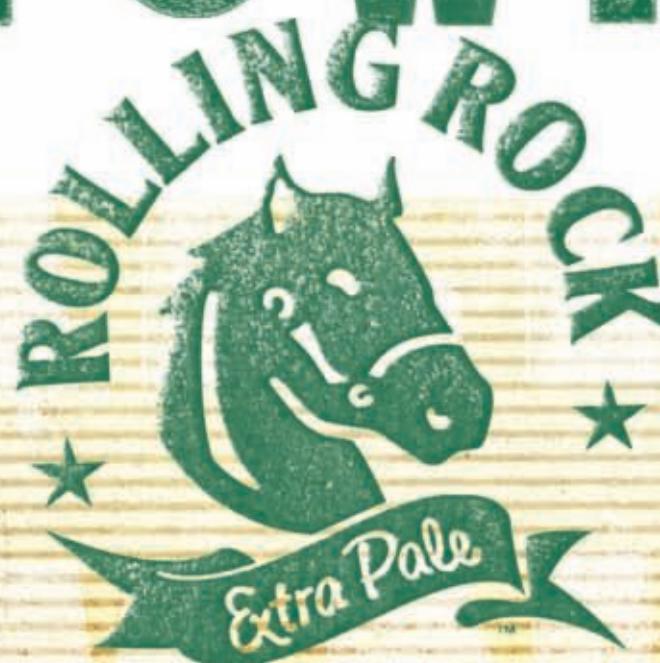
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